



**RIEMA** RHODE ISLAND  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Daniel J. McKee, **Governor**  
Marc R. Pappas, **Director**

February 26, 2024

The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr., Chair  
House Corporations Committee  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: 2024 – H – 7087 An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disaster Act of 2024

Dear Chair Solomon:

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) is the State's lead agency for emergency management coordination. During statewide emergencies, RIEMA coordinates the emergency response of State and local partners through activation of the State Emergency Operations Center in Cranston, Rhode Island.

H-7087, An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disaster Act of 2024, would make it easier for out-of-state corporations to assist Rhode Islanders during emergencies and tasks RIEMA with the administration of this program. RIEMA staff are fully activated during disaster emergencies and are focused on 24/7 response and recovery operations in the State Emergency Operations Center. Moreover, RIEMA has no subject matter expertise on corporate filings. For these reasons, RIEMA recommends that a more suitable state agency be tasked with the administrative responsibilities.

Respectfully,

Marc R. Pappas  
Director

cc: Members of the House Corporations Committee  
Representative Kennedy